Tames Cronoque Dester a Black Freeman, when young and in slavery was haid by his master to the Resper of a Tavern in this buy, and being of an Obliging behaviour gained the good will of those who frequented the howe do that presents he Recuoed from them in the shace of four years he had laved to the amount of lefty Counds; his master dying in debt, he became the property of his breditors, who being do quainted with his good Character for bothety & hontery, desert of freedom, agreed he should be rubento possession of it on payment of One hundred ounds within two years. which he engaged to do in the space of nine months, and with punctuality herformed after which being desurous of scattering on life, and inclining to marn he fixed on a young woman of reputation, and obtdined the Convent of het possesson when held her in so high estimation that he rated the price ofher redemption from lavery at so quate a rate that cronoque could not comply with the terms, and therefore for some time declined further proceedings until at Length through the interposition, and enfluence of a friend he was prevailed upon to take fefty Sounds for her feedom, which was paid to her popepor by Oronoque having

having by his industry gound thirty pounds of the mony, and the other part was lent by two his friends, whom he carifully repaid declining to marry write he had done it; after which he feated, and they lived logether many years with repatation being productions and worthy, bonfedence, and Sence the decease of his wife he has bonduited with Sobrity, & Steaders; having known him more than ten years have had much bprostutily of Observing his behaviour, and proceedings, I do not know a labouring man whom Ishould preferr to complay, or who is more to confided in, his humanity in afsisting and Relewing those of his own bolows under difficactly is also conspections as far as is in his power which with his Conspections franciples render him a Frilly worthy Character Theeadelphea 16th: 8 man 1787

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Testimony in behalf of James Oronoque Dexter,

James Oronoque Dexter a Black Freeman, when young and in Slavery was hired by his master to the Keeper of a Tavern in this city, and being of an obliging behavior gained the good will of those who frequented the house so that by presents he Received from them in the space of four years he had saved to the amount of fifty Pounds: his master dying in debt, he became the property of his Creditors, who being acquainted with his good Character for sobriety & honesty, & his desire of freedom, agreed he should be put into possession of it on payment of one hundred Pounds within two years which he engaged to do in the space of nine months, and with punctuality performed. After which being desirous of settling in life, and inclining to marry he fixed on a young woman of reputation, and obtained the Consent of her possessor who held her in so high estimation that he rated the price of her redemption from Slavery as so great a rate that Oronogue could not comply with the terms, and therefore for some time declined further proceeding until at length through the interposition, and influence of a friend he was prevailed upon to take fifty Pounds for her freedom, which was paid to her possessor by Oronoque lent by two of his friends, whom he carefully repaid declining to marry until he had done it; after which he settled and they lived together many years with reputation being Industrious and worthy of Confidence, and Since the decease of his wife he has Conducted with Sobriety, & Steadiness; having known him more than ten years I have had much opportunity of observing his behaviour, and proceedings, & do not know a labouring man whom I should prefer to employ, or who is more to be confided in, his humanity in assisting and Relieving those of his own Colour and difficulty is also conspicuous as far as is in his powers which with his conscientious principles render him a Truly worthy Character

Philadelphia 16^{th} 8 month 1787

Isaac Zane

Being well acquainted with the above named James Oronoque Dexter, I can freely testify my concurrence with the character given of him in the foregoing narrative, and as he has lived in the family of my brother John Pemberton several years at annual wages, frequent opportunities have occurred to my observation of his steady prudent conduct, diligence in business, & faithful attention to the Interest of his master Since, as before his late long absence from home.

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James Pemberton